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Convents in St. John, N. B.

There are two Convents in this City, the one being that of "The Ladies of the Sacred Heart of Jesus," and the other that of "The Sisters of Charity." The former is situated in Union-street, nearly opposite to the avenue of the late Chief Justice Chipman; the latter stands in Cliff-street on the Cathedral grounds.

"The Ladies" of the first convent have an institution for the instruction of the higher order of young ladies; "the Sisters" of the second, aim at directing the education of the children of the higher artisans; and besides the school which they themselves superintend, have three branch-schools for children of the lower orders; one in Carleton, another in Portland, and a third in Sydney-street, near the Lower Cove.

With regard to the "Ladies of the Sacred Heart, &c.," we rejoice to say they are not likely to be able long to continue their efforts, never yet having succeeded in obtaining a Protestant scholar. This, it is said, has made the Bishop very angry, and led him to inveigh against the "bigotry" of the people; for he never lived before where Protestants approved themselves so very knowing. As for "the Sisters," they are getting on better, notwithstanding of their alleged severity, and greater readiness to hear their pupils say *prayers and the catechism* than give them such an education as parents usually wish.

The branch-schools have picked up a few, but only a *very few* Protestant children; but we are glad to state that Protestant Institutions are occasionally also picking up the children of Roman Catholics.

"The Ladies of the Sacred Heart" are not in the habit of appearing in the streets. "The Sisters," however, do occasionally appear in them, dressed in old fashioned mournings, and sometimes attended by a novice clad in brown.

It is probable that soon a monastery will be added to the Roman Catholic Institutions of St. John; as a party of monks arrived a few months ago at Halifax from Europe, en route to it. What